15th March 1955]

Deputy Directors of Survey and Records.

* 1326 [a] *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Deputy Directors of Survey and Land Records in the pre-partition Madras State;

(*b*) how many of these were (1) permanent, (2) temporary;

(*c*) how many are (1) permanent, (2) temporary after partition in the Madras State; and

(*d*) whether the Government have made any provision for temporary officers after completion of Survey and Settlement work in Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Two.

" (*b*) (1) One permanent.

(2) One temporary.

" (*c*) (1) One permanent.

(2) Temporary—Nil.

" (*d*) Does not arise now."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that the applications of the temporary hands who did not foresee permanence, in the distant future to sit for the examinations of other departments under the Government have been turned down by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, this reduction had to take place after the partition of the Andhra State."

Exemption of hotels from sales tax.

* 1334 [a] *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state that—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Malabar Hotel and Restaurant Owners' Association for exemption from the sales tax; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government did not see any grounds to comply with the request for exemption and the Association was informed accordingly."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Government consider the reduction of the rate of tax at least? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The rate was fixed a little higher than in other cases as it was thought that the margin of profit was greater in that profession."

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